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WHO YOU VIBIN'?

It's Wednesday, people. Time to announce the winner of RedEye's ever-popular "Who You Vibin'?" weekly online dating contest. This week, it's Nathan Stoner of Lakeview, who beat out two other bachelors to win the grand prize—a big of personal ad right here in the paper. Fellas, if you're interested in getting in touch with Nathan, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether he responds is up to him, of course. Check out other dater profiles or submit your own at redevechicago.com/vibin. Girl or guy, straight or gay, RedEye wants to hook you up.

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Friends and supporters attend a memorial service Tuesday in Beason, III., where five members of a family were found slain in their home. A search is still under way for a suspect. AP

BRUTAL 5 FAMILY MEMBERS FOUND SLAIN IN DOWNSTATE HOME HOME

Chicago Tribune

Relatives of a family found slain in a small Downstate town have been taken into protective custody as authorities search for the killer or killers.

A source close to the family say police fear the family may have been targeted and other relatives could be at risk.

The bodies of Raymond and Ruth Gee, and children ages 11, 14 and 16 were found Monday by a neighborhood boy who came to the family's home in Beason, near Springfield, after school, and noticed a large pool of blood on the floor, the source said.

The boy alerted other family members living nearby and police were called shortly before 4:30 p.m.

Sheriff Steven Nichols isn't saying why his office didn't release information about the slayings until Tuesday. He does say detectives are working to identify possible suspects. And he describes whoever is responsible for the killings as "armed and dangerous."

Nichols warned area residents to lock their doors at night as a precaution.

The slayings, which Nichols described as a "brutal homicide against an entire family," occurred at the family's ranch-style home in Beason, a farming community about 140 miles southwest of Chicago.

Nichols would not provide details about the crime scene or the

suspected cause of death, but said an autopsy was scheduled for later Tuesday.

Nichols identified the victims and gave approximate ages: Raymond "Rick" Gee, 46; Ruth Gee, 39; Justina Constant, 16; Dillen Constant, 14; and Austin Gee, 11.

Raymond Gee worked in construction, and his wife was a stayat-home mother. They attended church with their children, who waited each morning at the town's post office for the school bus.

Throughout Beason on Tuesday, residents gathered on porches to talk about the killings.

Dale Day, who lives a few blocks from the home where the bodies were found, said he would arm himself Tuesday night to be ready for any trouble that might come his way.

"Now I have my 9mm loaded, cocked and ready to fire if someone breaks into my house," Day said.

Some residents said they had never considered locking their doors at night.

"Not many people lock their doors here," said Brittney Fillmore, 14, who knew both Justina and Dillen from high school.

"Something like this isn't what you'd expect especially happening in a small town where everybody knows each other."

AP CONTRIBUTED.

Obama talks climate change

Associated Press

President Obama on Tuesday declared that the U.S. is a serious partner in combating global warming, telling world peers "we are determined to act."

"The journey is hard. And we don't have much time left to make it," Obama said in brief remarks at a high-level climate summit convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Obama sought to show U.S. resolve ahead of crucial talks in Copenhagen in December, when nations will try to reach a new global treaty to address climate change. He spoke at the start of a busy day of diplomacy at the United Nations that also was to include a three-way meeting with Israeli and Palestinian leaders in an effort to nudge forward the Mideast peace process.

"We understand the gravity of the climate threat. We are determined to act," Obama said. "And we will meet our responsibility to future generations."

He spoke after Ban admonished leaders to put aside differences and move more quickly on global warming.

Obama is under pressure to put political capital behind getting a serious clean-energy law at home and show that the U.S., an economic giant, will do its part to cut heat-trapping emissions. The U.S. House passed a bill this summer that would set the first mandatory limits on greenhouse gases, but a Senate version appears increasingly unlikely this year.

"Our generation's response to this challenge will be judged by history," Obama said.

BY THE NUMBERS —

Same-sex census

Nearly 150,000 same-sex couples reported being in marriage relationships—a relationship akin to "husband" and "wife"—last year, many more than the number of actual weddings and civil unions, according to the first U.S. census figures released on same-sex marriages. Here are some selected figures from the findings. AP

564,743

Estimated total gay couples in the U.S.

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Extra task at work? I have a theory

I get into rhythms when I'm working. I become comfortable with performing exactly every task I always perform, and even if that task makes no sense or is a complete waste of time, I accept it.

Yet strangely, if someone comes along and adds one iota to my workload that is not in my well-worn routine, it's basically like they handed me a hammer and the components from a toaster and asked me to build a rocket ship.

I call this the "Microscopic Bit of Extra Work Principle."

The MBEWP (there's an acronym that will never catch on) functions in every job, from coal mining to pizza delivery to snarky hack writer.

You do the precise amount of work necessary and never notice it, and then someone comes along and asks you to rewrite a paragraph or mine some more coal or run down the street and buy a doughnut, and suddenly you feel oppressed.

"You want me to make a copy of this memo and deliver it upstairs?" you say to your boss (in your head). It's hard not to get bored doing the same thing every day. This is not to say I even have a bad job, it's just the way all jobs are. You're going to feel a certain nugget of resentment toward anything that forces you to get out of bed at 7 a.m.

The only time I get really serious about quitting a job, however, is when the MBEWP comes into effect.

Have you ever had this happen? You get one extraneous assignment that you didn't see coming, and you suddenly think, "What if I just quit, go home and watch TV all afternoon while eating potato chips off my stomach?"

I once did quit a job based on this impulse.

I was working at Buffalo Wild Wings, contemplating how broke I was and how awesome my degrees in English and history had been at landing me a job at Buffalo Wild Wings, when out of nowhere my boss told me to clean behind the fryer.

Now, in my boss's defense, I was standing around doing nothing, stealing fries and chicken wings at every opportunity, but it was definitely not my turn to clean behind the fryer.

For those of you who've never cleaned behind a fryer, this is a task that combines the joy of dipping your arms into a landfill all the way to the elbows and sticking your face in a box of raw poultry-smell.

"Yep," I thought to myself as I scrubbed the grease from the back of the fryer, "I quit. I wonder how much extra work they make you do in coal mining." STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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Kelly to be heard 'from the grave'

Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich promised Tuesday that the late Christopher Kelly would be heard "from the grave" at the ex-governor's corruption trial next year.

The attorneys declined to say whether they had access to any undercover recordings of Kelly, a former Blagojevich adviser and fundraiser who took his life earlier this month. But lawyer Sam Adam Jr. said Kelly, who was indicted with Blagojevich and pleaded guilty in two other indictments, passed on chances to point fingers at his client.

"He is on the record saying the governor has done no wrong," Adam said after a hearing in federal court at which prosecutors formally dropped the remaining charges against Kelly.

Kelly's lawyer, Michael Monico, did not attend Tuesday's hearing.



CTA chairman Brown resigns

Chicago Tribune

The chairman of the CTA's board offered her resignation Tuesday.

Carole Brown told Mayor Daley of her decision to leave in a meeting Tuesday morning, said Greg Longhini, the CTA board's secretary.

Brown was appointed to head the transit agency's board in September 2003.

She cited as a reason for her resignation the demands on her time since her former employer, the Lehman Brothers financial firm, went out of business, Longhini said.

Brown said she had a lot of support from Lehman Brothers to work on CTA issues, Longhini said. Brown now works at a different and smaller company in the municipal finance industry, Longhini said.

Brown has been talking about resigning her position for about a year, Longhini said.



The city's No. 1 fan

Mayor Daley sits down to discuss Chicago's Olympic bid

Chicago Tribune

As Chicago's Olympics bid enters the home stretch, Mayor Daley on Tuesday continued to sound his theme that hosting the 2016 Summer Games would transform the city's worldwide reputation.

The mayor delivered that message in one of a series of 15-minute interviews limited in scope to the bid. Daley typically takes questions from Chicago reporters only at news conferences.

In an interview in his office, Daley acknowledged the general public doesn't share his enthusiasm for the bid, saying there are "a lot of questions still being asked."

But Daley said Chicago often is overshadowed by New York and other coastal cities and could receive a huge boost to its reputation by hosting the Olympics.

"You don't realize the importance, the global importance that Chicago will receive," the mayor said. "If you get this, it's a major,

major coup for the whole marketing strategy of Chicago."

A recent Tribune poll showed eroding public support for the games, with economic concerns foremost in skeptics' minds. Daley said the bid team's plan is "very, very fiscally responsible."

The mayor often has said that no public money would be used to pay for the games. When a Tribune reporter pointed out Tuesday that taxpayer dollars would indeed be used—including as much as \$20 million in Chicago Park District funds for a kayaking course on Northerly Island—Daley replied that the new Olympics facilities would remain as recreation amenities long after the games end.

Asked whether Olympics revenue forecasts might be too rosy, Daley said he did not worry about that and relies on the bid team. "That's all Pat Ryan," he said, referring to the Chicago 2016 bid leader. Daley said he plans to take a commercial flight Friday to Copenhagen, where the International Olympic Committee will choose the 2016 host on Oct. 2 from among Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo, Madrid and Chicago.

Earlier Tuesday, Daley joined Gov. Quinn at Navy Pier to say that Chicago tourism would get a huge boost if the city is picked to host the Olympics.

The governor used Daley's presence to rebut criticism from Quinn's Democratic primary opponent, who questioned state spending on tourism during a budget crisis. Comptroller Dan Hynes said last week he was suspending payments on more than \$40 million in state and lottery tourism advertising contracts. On Tuesday, Quinn called Hynes' decision "very, very short sighted."

Daley came to Quinn's defense, saying tourism is a competitive business and the state must do all it can to actively woo visitors

Book looks at Obamas' marriage

After a microscopic look at several famous marriages, author Christopher Andersen takes his pen—or, some argue, a hatchet—to the Obamas in his latest book, "Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage."

He describes a reluctant groom-to-be, a sometimes-stormy union and a woman sick of emptying his overflowing ashtrays—and being shut out by his ambition.

He says the Obamas survived the crucibles of battling infertility, helping to nurse daughter Sasha to health after meningitis and coping with early political defeat and debt. By the inauguration they were "indisputably the First Couple not only of America but of the world."

The book, relying in part on unnamed sources, serves up plenty of dish from the Obamas' youth, nearly 17-year marriage and up-and-down journey to the White House.

Andersen says Michelle Obama helped shoot down the prospect of Hillary Clinton being tapped as her husband's running mate. "Do you really want Bill and Hillary just down the hall from you in the White House?" it quotes her as saying.

According to the book, when Obama ran for the U.S. Senate in the 2004 elections, at first he thought the David Axelrod-designed campaign slogan, "Yes we can," was corny. But the controversial Jeremiah Wright, then his pastor, and Michelle Obama liked it.

The book, from publisher William Morrow, went on sale Tuesday for \$25.99.

Andersen is famous for writing about the famous—the Kennedys, the Clintons and Diana, Princess of Wales—and he intermingles dirt and stardust, engendering some criticism.

The Obamas did not cooperate with the book, says its publicist, Camille McDuffie. The White House had no comment.

To some extent, tell-all books about the Obamas must all compete with the 1995 book "Dreams From My Father," written by Obama himself, which was a tell-all that mentioned youthful drug use and a few other unflattering details.

Destination station

Tuesday marked the first day of fall. To bid farewell to the summer that wasn't, Google released its data on Chicago's must-see destinations, as ranked by popularity of searches on **google.com**.

5. Chicago Boat Tour

4. Sears Tower

3. Shedd Aquarium

Navy Pier
 Brookfield Zoo

Boender lawyers serve subpoenas on aldermen

Lawyers for indicted developer Calvin Boender have served subpoenas on at least six Chicago aldermen in an effort to clear their client of fraud charges, City Hall officials confirmed Tuesday.

Jenny Hoyle, spokeswoman for the Law Department, said the city had received copies of subpoenas from Boender's lawyers seeking "trial testimony and no documents" from the aldermen. Hoyle declined to provide the subpoenas or disclose the names of the elected officials receiving them.

Boender, who has developed projects in wards around the city, has pleaded not guilty. Sources said he may be asking aldermen to testify about their dealings with him.

In May, a federal grand jury indicted Boender and Ald. Isaac Carothers (29th) on charges stemming from Boender's efforts to develop a 50-acre industrial site on the West Side. The trial is scheduled for March.

Boender had bought the property in July 2000. With Carothers' support, Boender successfully rezoned the site in 2006, allow-

ing construction of a residential and commercial development. Prosecutors also allege that Carothers accepted \$40,000 in home improvements in 2004, as well as meals and tickets to a White Sox playoff game, in support of zoning changes for the property, which lies mostly in Carothers' ward.

Boender was charged with four counts of wire and mail fraud, two counts of obstruction of justice, two misdemeanor counts of violating federal campaign finance laws and one count of paying a bribe.



Five people were hurt Tuesday afternoon when a CTA bus was rear-ended by a car outside Douglas Park on the West Side. The accident, which forced service to be rerouted, involved a No. 12 Roosevelt Road bus that was stopped on Roosevelt when it was rear-ended by the car at Francisco Avenue, said Chicago Transit Authority spokeswoman Wanda Taylor. MIKE ANZALDI FOR TRIBUNE

Independent executive to run cemetery

A federal bankruptcy judge Tuesday put day-to-day operations of the bankrupt and scandal-plagued Burr Oak Cemetery in the hands of an independent executive.

Judge Pamela Hollis approved the appointment of Howard Korenthal, an expert in crisis management, as chief operating officer of the cemetery where workers were accused of digging up some 300 graves in order to resell them.

U. of I. scientist wins grant

A University of Illinois researcher who works with organic molecule semiconductors to develop "flexible electronic devices" Tuesday won one of the MacArthur Foundation's "genius grants." John A. Rogers, 42, is a professor of engineering on the Urbana-Champaign campus. He is one of this year's crop of 24 MacArthur Fellows, each of whom receives \$500,000 over a five-year period. Since the program began in 1981, 805 fellows have been named.

Woman falls onto Blue Line tracks

A woman was seriously hurt Tuesday afternoon when she fell onto CTA Blue Line tracks at Racine Avenue, officials said. Chicago Fire Department Cmdr. Will Knight said the woman was taken in serious condition to Stroger Hospital. A CTA spokesman said train service was temporarily halted around the site of the incident.

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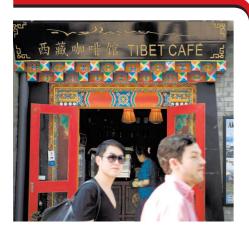








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Tibet closed to tourists

China has closed Tibet to foreign tourists and deployed soldiers armed with machine guns in the streets of Beijingpart of a raft of stringent security measures ahead of the 60th anniversary of communist rule. AP PHOTO

More charges likely

Four people found slain in Farmville, Ya., were killed by blows to the head, and the aspiring "horrorcore" rapper suspected of killing them will likely face more charges, authorities said Tuesday. Richard Alden Samuel McCroskey III was arrested Saturday at a Richmond airport, where authorities believe he was trying to fly back to California.

\$425M exit strategy

Bank of America has reached an agreement to pay the U.S. \$425 million to exit a costly arrangement whereby the government would have shouldered losses on risky assets from the bank's takeover of Merrill Lynch.

Parade crash kills 7

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that Iran is stronger than ever and warned that its military will "cut the hand" of anyone who attacks. But a military parade where he spoke was marred when an air force plane crashed, killing seven people, according to state radio.

No flavored cigarettes

The new federal ban on flavored cigarettes took effect on Tuesday, marking one of the first visible signs of the Food and Drug Administration's new authority to regulate tobacco.

Tuna not protected

A sharply divided European Union failed Tuesday to protect the threatened bluefin tuna, as the bloc's Mediterranean nations refused to back even a temporary a ban on catching the fish prized by sushi aficionados.

Stadiums, hotels warned to watch for terrorists

WASHINGTON Counterterrorism officials have issued security bulletins to police around the nation about terrorists' desire to attack stadiums, entertainment complexes and hotels-the latest in a flurry of such warnings as investigators chase a possible bomb plot in Denver and New York.

In the two bulletins-sent to police departments Monday and obtained by The Associated Press - officials said they know of no specific plots against such sites, but urged law enforcement and private companies to be vigilant. These two bulletins followed on the heels of a similar warning about the vulnerabilities of mass transit systems.

The bulletin on stadiums notes that an Al Qaeda training manual specifically lists "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality, and sin ... and attacking vital economic centers" as desired targets of the global terror network.

Officials noted the law enforcement bulletins are not intended for the public. Bulletins—particularly about hotels as possible targets-are common and often don't make news. However, a half-dozen alerts issued in the last week have received increased attention amid the investigations in New York and Denver. The first of these, about hydrogen peroxide-based explosives, specifically referred to the New York case.

Separately, law enforcement officials said a Colorado man may have been planning with others to detonate backpack bombs on New York City trains in a plot similar to past attacks in London and Madrid.

In a statement, the FBI says that "several individuals in the United States, Pakistan and elsewhere" are being investigated.

PITTSBURGH,



nine lives, including a 15-year-old boy whose body was found in the Chattooga River.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency also reported a new death in Douglas County west of Atlanta, bringing the toll in that county to four people.

The victims included a toddler swept away from his family when a swollen creek ripped apart their trailer home in west Georgia on Monday. Many others were drivers whose vehicles were pushed off roads by rising waters. One man in Tennessee was missing two days after betting onlookers he could swim across a flooded ditch near his house.

The good news was the rain was tapering off in many areas. The National Weather Service said there was more rain to come, but it won't be as severe.



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Buehrle in 'arm' discussion



Buehrle

Mark Buehrle said Tuesday that he's scheduled for at least two more starts.

In the process, the White Sox's lefthanded ace already has made plans to alter his off-season conditioning program to ensure

his longevity after completing his ninth consecutive season of at least 200 innings, 30 starts and 10 victories.

"I have to do more arm stuff," said Buehrle, who said pitching coach Don Cooper stressed the need to add strength. "I might get set up with someone who does arm strengthening (near his St. Louis-area home) because I've never done it in the off-season. I've always worked on getting in shape and try to get stronger but never messed with my arm stuff.

"The older I get (30) and the innings built up $(2,051^2/_3)$, I need to start looking at that." **TRIBUNE**

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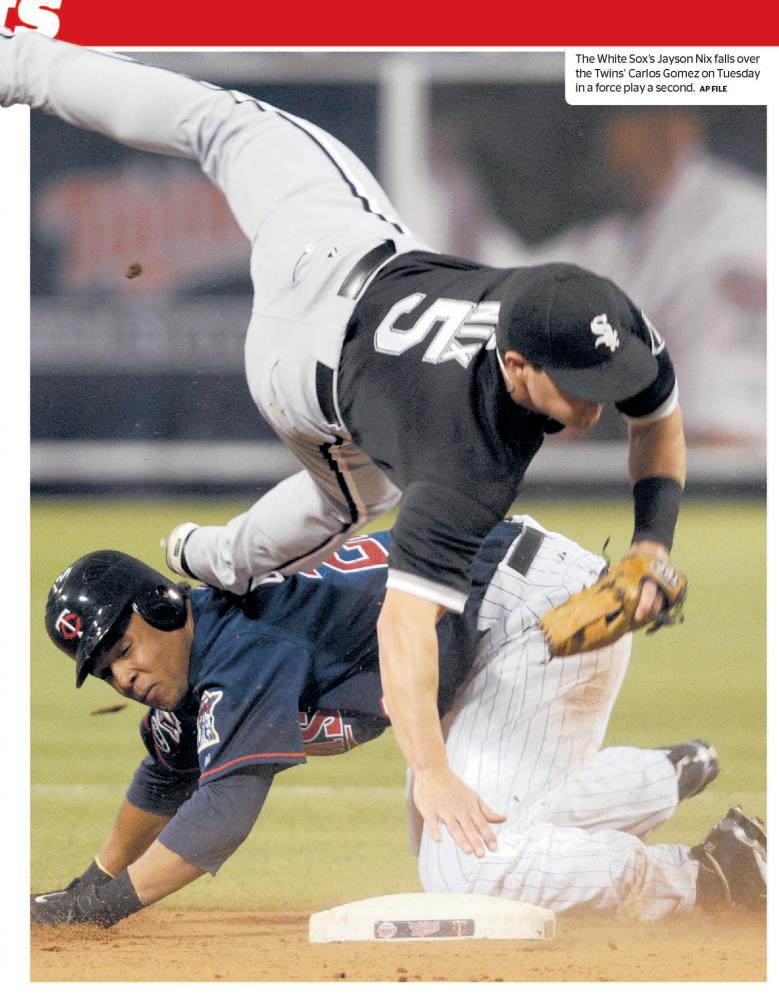
MILWAUKEE Randy Wells returned to form in Miller Park on Tuesday night, leading the Cubs to a 7-2 victory over the Brewers.

Wells, who entered the game with four losses in his last five starts, was able to

relax when the Cubs staked him to a 6-0 lead after two innings. He allowed one run over six innings, improving to 11-9 on the season.

Derrek Lee homered, added two doubles and had a pair of RBIs on the night, and Aramis Ramirez drove in two runs to give the Cubs a 3-o record since Milton Bradley's suspension.

Wells rebounded from back-to-back outings in which he allowed five runs and failed to last more than four innings. Some have wondered whether the workload (153 innings) has taken a toll on Wells, but he has insisted he feels strong and the problem was losing focus. TRIBUNE



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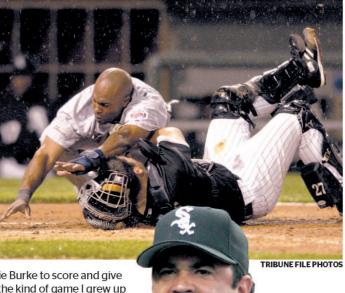
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No matter the reality, it always seems as if the Minnesota Twins are a thorn—sometimes a knife—in the White Sox's side. Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has only fueled the perception with his frequent expressions of adulation for the Twinkies.

As has been the case many times before, the Sox and Twins are in the midst of a pivotal battle this week at U.S. Cellular Field. Both teams still have a long-shot—for the Sox, a really long-shot—chance to take over first in the AL Central and punch their ticket to the playoffs. The Sox play division leader Detroit six more times this season. It won't matter, however, if the Sox suffer another Twins killing before the Tigers come calling.

Here's a look at some other key moments in the Sox-Twins rivalry.





In July 2004, Twins center-fielder Torii Hunter plowed into Sox catcher Jamie Burke to score and give Minnesota a 5-1 lead at the Cell. "They come after you," Guillen said. "That's the kind of game I grew up watching." The Sox, in first at the time, eventually collapsed, and the Twins went on to win the division. It's been tense ever since then.

Piranhas strike

In August 2006, a new Twins nickname was born. "I'd rather do anything in baseball than face those piranhas," Guillen said a day after the Sox lost their wild-card playoff lead in an 8-7 loss to the Twins. The Twins went on to use the nickname in marketing ads and during in-game promotions.

Double trouble

In an ugly doubleheader at U.S. Cellular Field in July 2007, the Twins scored a combined 32 runs in their two wins, the most against the Sox in back-to-back games since 1930. "It was hard to watch," Guillen said, "but there's nothing we can do about it."

The playoff playoff

After finishing the season tied atop the AL Central in September 2008, the Twins and White Sox must play a one-game playoff to see who wins the division title and a trip to the playoff. In a nail-biter at U.S. Cellular, the Sox pull off a 1-O win, putting both Chicago baseball teams in the playoffs for the first time since 1906.

Fantasy trade bait

I may be a doctor, but in fantasy sports I play the game like a stonecold stock broker.

On Wall Street and in fantasy sports, knowing when to buy low and sell high is key. Week 3 is perfect for pulling off this strategy. Let's look at some players you could use to make like Bernie Madoff and steal some value from other owners.



Buy low

Matt Forte, RB, Bears: There might be some panicky owners that want to bail after a 38-carries-for-84-yards start. Trade for him and watch him tear up the Seahawks on Sunday.

Antonio Gates, TE, San Diego: Gates hasn't been bad, but he's been kept out of the end zone, while other TEs have thrived. Take advantage.

Tom Brady, QB, New England: On Sunday, he was Tom-Not-Terrific. But after he finally scrapes the rust off that knee (my guess is Week 4), he should be a Top 5 QB.

Sell high

Terrell Owens, WR, Buffalo: He scored Sunday, but his production for the rest of the season will soon look as bad as his reality show's ratings.

Brian Westbrook, RB, Philadelphia: There's entirely too much wear on B-West's tires for a full season of production.

Eli Manning, QB, N.Y. Giants: No, he and Peyton didn't switch bodies like Zac Efron and Matthew Perry in "17 Again." The 38 passes he tossed in Dallas were an anomaly.

Bears receiver checkup

Earl Bennett is Cutler's main man in Week 1, rookie Johnny Knox in Week 2. Devin Hester's been spotty, and Greg Olsen has been outscored by backup Kellen Davis. What do we make of the Bears receiving crew?

My advice: Wait and see before starting Bennett or Knox. Consider benching Hester if he doesn't come through Sunday. Keep Olsen active because he'll get his soon enough.

Locks of the week

Peyton Manning, QB, vs. Arizona: No Anthony Gonzalez, no problem against the Redbirds.

Fred Jackson, RB, vs. New Orleans: The Saints and Jackson will be marching on Sunday.

Felix Jones, RB, vs. Carolina: An iffy Marion Barber means Jones gets feature back-type carries. D.R. SMITHIS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

Hero worship

the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is online 24-7 at chicagonow. com/blogs/league-of-her-own.



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Superhero? Or regular hero? I'll say Johnny Knox for both.



Bette Midler. Didn't you know?

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Al Afalava, which is either the name of a Bears safety or a Middle Eastern pastry.

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DR. FANTASY

One last call for Desmond Clark!

redeyesports@tribune.com Matt Hasselbeck when he is

out Sunday with a broken rib.

Chris Berman has already called Johnny Knox "Fort Knox." What's your nickname for him?

for the Bears?

Who's going to be the next hero

Unfortunately, Chris Berman has put me off of nicknames forever.

Johnny Nucleo.

Hard Knox. Take that, HBO.

I'd say Johnny Knoxville, but the Bears receiver doesn't really seem like a jackass.

Kanve West told him George

Johnny Rocket.

What could be one of Milton Bradley's arguments if he appeals his suspension?

I'm waiting for the ol "I'm rubber and you're glue" defense.

"I am both legally and illegally insane.'

I'm just surprised "Milton Bradley" and "argument" can occupy the same sentence without bloodshed.

Bush and Cubs fans don't care about black people.

He should just claim insanity.

How will Ozzie Guillen say goodbye to White Sox rivals

The way Ozzie says goodbye to everyone, "Smell ya later."

By getting a promise to let him hit the switch that blows up the Metrodome.

He'll have "%^&*" written out on a cake ... made out of his bile.

Something just short of peeing in the visitors clubhouse.

He'll go fishing for piranhas.

Minnesota for 2009 tonight?

How early is too early to be

thinking about the Blackhawks?

Anytime after 1995 and before 2008 was too early. I started in late May. And that wasn't soon enough. Go What's the day before the playoffs start? That day.

I don't think about hockey or Christmas until December. It's a rule.

3 a.m. when I am writing up their highlights.

Powerful results for new diet pill creates huge demand on pharmacies

Consumers flood phone lines looking for new diet pill after clinical studies show main ingredient produces weight loss

(West Palm Beach, FL) - Millions of doses have been sold but demand for Cylapril, increases every day. The rush to get the product comes from the clinical proof that the product's main ingredient is in fact effective in controlling weight gain, reducing stress and increasing energy. Some drugstores are reporting to be out of stock for the weight loss supplement, whose key ingredients have been clinically shown to regulate cortisol which has been found to lead to an increase in weight. The problem is Adrenal Fatigue. It affects 4 out of 5 people and most people don't even know they have it.

Adrenal Fatigue Warning Signs

- ☑ Weight gain (especially around middle
- ✓ Cravings for sugar or salt
 ✓ Dependence on caffeine and energy drinks
- ✓ Trouble getting to sleep, restlessness
 ✓ Lack of energy in the morning
- Experiencing mid afternoon crashes

Clinical Results Proven

Consumer excitement seems to be justified. A clinical study conducted by Epel and colleagues (2001) included fifty-nine women who participated in both a stress session and a control session on different days. Higher levels of cortisol were found on the stress day where the subject consumed more calories compared to low stress days where the consumption of calories was less. These findings suggest that a high level of stress causes an increase in caloric consumption due to increased cortisol levels. According to the study, reducing cortisol levels through an enhancement of adrenal functioning (in the way that Cylapril does), would therefore decrease food intake and subsequently control weight.

These findings support the view that the key ingredient in Cylapril, exerts an anti-fatigue effect that increases mental performance, particularly the ability to concentrate, and decreases cortisol response in individuals with fatigue syndrome (Olsson et al., 2008).

Adrenal Fatique Institute formulates solution

Researchers worked with Adrenal Fatigue Institute to develop a formula that will combat the rising levels of cortisol and ultimately help increase energy and speed up weight loss. Dieters are seeing results quickly and are reporting to feel an increase in energy as early as the third day of use without changing their everyday routine. Brad Lubin, National Sales Manager at the Adrenal Fatigue Institute, says, "I can't believe the amount of orders we've taken in the last 30 days. Stores can't keep it in stock and we are all putting in extra hours to make sure its available to everyone that needs it".

Rushing shipments to meet demand

Stores are reporting that they can't stock product fast enough. The Adrenal Fatigue Institute is rushing shipments to Walgreens and other local pharmacies to meet demand. They have also created a toll free hotline, 1-800-886-3060. Because they know how important public awareness is about Adrenal Fatigue, they have developed a book explaining how it affects your stress levels and ability to control your weight. Call the hotline to receive a free copy while supplies last. The manufacturer wants to remind the public that inventory is extremely limited so its important to act fast before product goes on back order again.



Shipments are being rushed to Walgreens and other local pharmacies but the manufacturer suggests calling the toll free hotline, 1-800-886-3060 to avoid the wait in case the product goes on back order again.

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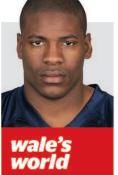
Local Retail Outlets - Currently Walgreens and other local pharmacies have Cylapril in stock but with demand soaring supplies are limited.

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No defense for booing

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adewaleogunleye93 @yahoo.com Now, that's more like it. Our first win of the year against the defending Super Bowl champs.

As a fan, that game had to be great to watch. It had an old-school feel to it. The game was high intensity and very physical. The key to that game was not giving up and believing in each other.

Creating two turnovers and the fact that the offense never gave the ball away helped tremendously. That was a complete reversal of the Green Bay game. The team that wins the turnover battle has a better chance of winning the game.

On defense, it was weird not having No. 54 out there with us. My hat goes off to everyone on defense. We all picked up the slack.

But Hunter gets a bigger pat on the back for doing a tremendous job. It's not easy stepping in for a player like Brian [Urlacher], but he did, and things went well.

Offense looked good. The Steelers defense threw everything they had at them. Jay Cutler and the rest of the boys never blinked. They just kept grinding, and it paid off. I am happy for the team and for the city. We should never lose at home.

Speaking of home, I can't believe the fans that booed us. I know I am talking to a select few, but please tell those fans to stay home. How can we have home-field advantage if the other team feels the disbelief from the crowd? Teams sense that and feed off it.

Please don't ever give up. Always keep the faith. This is your team and your city.

Next up: Seattle Seahawks. They are an NFC team and a very good team at that. This will be another great test for us. Great teams have to travel and play well on the road. Going 2-1 overall

and I-I in the conference is our only option. We need our best week of practice yet.

Till next time, BEAR DOWN!

» Read Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye's blog on ChicagoNow at chicagonow.com/blogs/bears-adewale-ogunleye/



watch dog

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When Michael Jordan called out Utah's Bryon Russell in his Hall of Fame speech, Russell said he'd face Air Jordan again. Now, someone is offering \$100,000 to charity for them to go 1-on-1.

Now that I'd love to see. Here now, my TV picks.



MLB

Cubs at Milwaukee

7:05 p.m. CSN

Even without Milton Bradley, there are still plenty of underachieving Cubs to heckle.



MLB

White Sox vs Minnesota

7:11 p.m. CSN+

The Twins can effectively knock the Sox out of the playoffs. Whoa, I just got deja vu.

» Lamar Odom won an NBA title with the L.A. Lakers in June. He's also apparently won the heart of Khloe Kardashian (above). Kardashian's spokeswoman said the reality TV star will marry Odom on Sunday. » Blackhawks wing Adam Burish will be out for six months following surgery on his right knee. The team's physician, Dr. Michael Terry, said Burish suffered a torn ACL in his right knee during a preseason game Sunday against Minnesota.







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By Lisa Arnett

Your votes flooded in last week, narrowing our Top 10 Best Bartender finalists down to the lucky Final Four. To help you get to know them better, we quizzed them on everything from hangover remedies to what they like to drink when they're on the other side of the bar.

Want to watch them compete for a shot at the title? Come to the Metromix Best Bartender Bash on Sept. 30 at District Bar (170 W. Ontario St.). After sipping samples of their signature drinks, you'll vote by text for the best drink of the night and continue voting online at metromix.com through 11:59 p.m. Oct. 4 to determine who

Bartender 2009. LISA ARNETT IS THE METROMIX NIGHTLIFE AND SHOPPING PRODUCER.

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is crowned Best

1 GABRIEL YONKE, 30

Casey Moran's, 3660 N. Clark St.

Lives in: Lincoln Square

Best bartending memories: Getting a \$500 tip on a \$69 tab from a customer who had just won \$10,000 gambling; Florida Marlins player Dan Uggla offering to trade jobs with Gabe after witnessing a girl grab and kiss him over the bar. Favorite off-duty bar: Huettenbar (4721 N. Lincoln Ave.)

"There are people in there just reading books or playing games; there are people wearing weird hats on bar crawls." Shot suggestion: Rumple Minze. "Three reasons. One, you don't need a chaser. Two, it's the strongest proof alcohol most places carry. And three, it gives you minty-fresh breath." Post-drinking ritual: Taco Bell for tacos with Fire sauce.

2 GREGORY WILLIAMS, 30

Simone's Bar, 960 W. 18th St. Lives in: Bronzeville

The coolest thing about his

job: Being a part of Pilsen's artsy community.

Favorite off-duty bar: Funky Buddha Lounge (728 W. Grand Ave.). "I went there all the time when I first moved here, and I've been rediscovering it lately."

Drink of choice: Seven & Seven. "I like to keep it simple. ... I know what it's like when someone orders a martini when there are 30 people at the bar."

Favorite post-drinking stop: Tempo Cafe (6 E. Chestnut St.) for breakfast, or Flash Taco (1570 N. Damen Ave.).

Bad-day drink suggestion: A shot of Corzo Anejo tequila. "Something to shake you up and get the chip

off your shoulder, to get your blood flowing and get you pumped again.'

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3 SARAH BUSEN, 33

Tiny Lounge, 4352 N. Leavitt St.

Lives in: North Center

The coolest thing about her job:

Reuniting with regulars from Tiny Lounge's previous location in Lakeview after the bar reopened in North Center after nearly three years closed. "It was extremely surreal. ... One girl was like, 'Oh my god, it's like I've been in a coma for three years and I just woke up!"

Fun fact: She has a master's degree in metalsmithing and jewelry design and is the go-to gal for fix-it needs at the bar. "I have the most power tools."

Favorite off-duty bar: The Long Room (1612 W. Irving Park Rd.). "You can walk in by yourself ... and just feel at home."

Drink of choice: In the summer, Belgianstyle beer. In the winter, a vodka martini with a blue cheese-stuffed olive.

Hangover cure: Fried food and an icecold Coca-Cola, or Fla-Vor-Ice popsicles.

4 TONY POTEMPA, 27

Roof (201 N. State St.), plus one day a week each at D4 and Spybar

Lives in: West Loop

The coolest thing about his job: Working at a hotel bar that locals think

Fun fact: He hosts a holiday party

(fueled by free-flowing punch, of course) at his house for his top regulars. This December will mark his fifth annual.

Favorite off-duty bar: Angels & Kings (710 N. Clark St.) "They have fun DJs." And O'Callaghan's (29 W. Hubbard St.). "I've been going there probably ever since I was 21 and worked at Rock Bottom. ... To this day, I sometimes catch last call there." Post-drinking ritual: A gyro at Mr. Greek

(235 S. Halsted St).

Hangover cure: Bypass the bloody mary and go straight for another beer.

best bets

By Samantha Nelson metromix@tribune.com



Writers on the Record

Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St. 312-747-4050. Find out what makes a Pulitzer Prize-

winning author tick as WFMT (98.7-FM) radio host Victoria Lautman interviews Richard Russo about his newest novel, "That Old Cape Magic." 6 p.m.



NextStep benefit

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660. Tour the museum and snack on

Wolfgang Puck appetizers at a benefit for NextStep Fitness, which provides wellness programs to physically challenged adults. 6 p.m. \$100.



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Lumen, 839 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-

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Back to School Bash

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Last year's inaugural event took some heat for being heavy on wine and light on food, but the second edition of this food and wine fest promises to increase the opportunities for eating thanks to more than 70 chef presenters staffing stations staggered over two days. The Millennium Park showcase brings out big national names such as Ted Allen ("Food Detectives," "Chopped," author of "The Food you Want to Eat"), Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill/Topolobampo/ Xoco), Jose Garces (Mercat a la Planxa), Stephanie Izard (The Drunken Goat) and Paul Kahan (Avec/Blackbird/The Publican) to participate in cooking demos, book signings and tastings. Look for local favorites like Carlos Gaytan (Mexique) and Chris Pandel (The Bristol). Wine-related events include free seminars



and sommelier-led Grand Cru wine tastings (4-5:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, \$175 per tasting). Single-day tickets \$150. Two-day pass \$250. 11 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-380-4128. Tickets: illinoisrestaurants.org

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BESPOKE CUISINE

6:30 p.m. Wed.: French Cooking Experience. Chef Michel Bouit leads a hands-on cooking class that includes a four-course BYOB dinner and a champagne toast. On the menu: salmon tartare with basil palmiers; mini-crustless quiches with herbs and goat cheese; chicken and mushrooms in a cream sauce with sage blinis; and more. \$70. RSVP required; 1358 W. Randolph St. 312-455-8400.

BRANCH 27

6:30 p.m. Wed.: Food and Beer Pairing Dinner. A four-course dinner features craft beers from Chicago distributor Paramount Merchants. On the menu: prosciutto-topped flatbread with Blanche de Bruxelles; mixed greens salad with North Coast Red Seal Ale; beer-battered fish and chips with Belhaven Scottish Ale: and fudge brownies with Southern Tier Porter. \$40. RSVP required; 1371 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2700.

CARNIVALE

7 p.m. Thu.: Casa Noble Tequila Dinner. Executive chef Mark Mendez prepares a four-course dinner with cocktail pairings. On the menu: Alaskan king crab ceviche, vellowfin tuna with saffron garlic aioli, slow-roasted pork shoulder with sweet potato puree and crepes with roasted pears, \$45. RSVP required; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

CHEN'S CHINESE AND SUSHI

6:30 p.m. Wed.: Martini Class. Bartenders Christopher Bagall and Frank Chen demonstrate how to mix four of the restaurant's signature martinis. Includes samples, appetizers and a \$20 gift certificate to use on a future visit. \$15. RSVP required; 3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100.

THE MELTING POT

5 p.m. Wed.: Big Sky Beer & Fondue Dinner. A four-course dinner features pairings from Montana's Big Sky Brewing Co. On the menu: Mexican cheese fondue with Trout Slayer Ale; ceviche with Scape Goat Pale Ale: marinated pork. shrimp, filet, mahi mahi and Tuscan chicken with Summer Honev Seasonal Ale and Big Sky IPA; and dark chocolate fondue with Moose Drool Brown Ale. \$39. RSVP:

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MOONSHINE

Noon Sat.: Rib-a-Que Smoke-out. More than 16 Chicago restaurants compete for the title of Smoke-out Champion. Visit each contestant's booth in Moonshine's adjacent parking lot and take advantage of beer specials selected by brewmaster Rev. Bob Kitrell. \$25-\$35; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

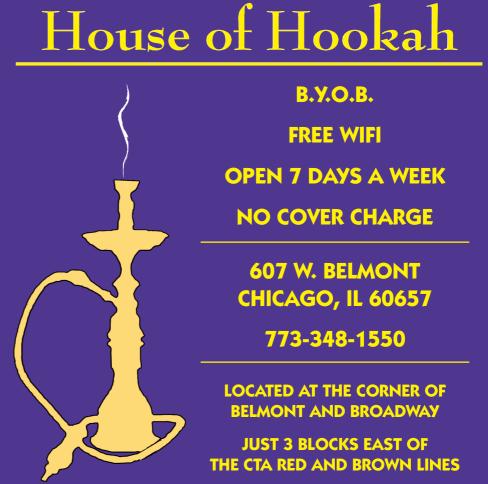
SALUTE

8:30 p.m. Thu.: Italian Cinema on the Patio. Watch classic Italian films while dining alfresco. This week's movie: "Night of the Shooting Stars"; 46 E. Superior St. 312-664-0100.

TAPAS VALENCIA

6:30 p.m. Wed.: Tour of Rioja Wine Dinner. A five-course dinner features wine pairings from Spain's La Rioja province. On the menu: mixed green salad with pears and pecans; grilled halibut with white wine-grapefruit-butter sauce; seared duck breast with red winefig sauce; charcoal-grilled lamb chops with rosemary-red wine sauce; and flourless chocolate cake with raspberry sauce. \$45. RSVP required; 1530 S. State St. 312-842-





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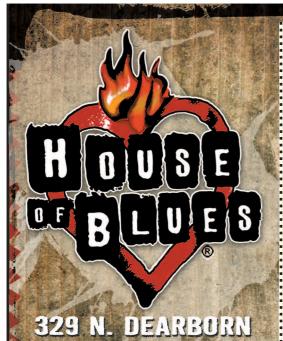


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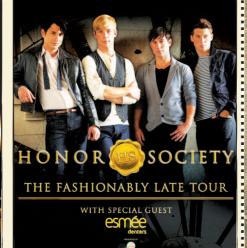


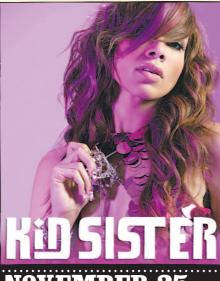
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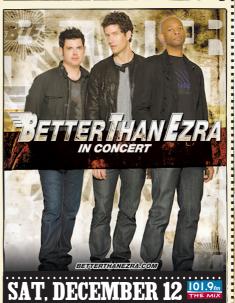
















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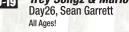
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Random Acts of Greatness 5 things we're loving this week

Cevapi (Bosnian-style grilled beef and lamb sausages, sans casing) at Uptown's Fontana Grill (1329 W.



The white mai tai (\$10) at Bar Novo (1 W. Wacker Dr.). It doesn't come in a tiki glass, but this colorless take on the traditional tropical cocktail looks more sophisticated when sipped than, say, Trader Vic's version.

Wilson Ave.). Served stuffed into pita bread with chopped onions, this is one filling, affordable sandwich (\$10).

Barbar from Belgian brewery Brasserie
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Barbar from Belgian brewery Brasserie
Lefebvre. After just one bottle (\$8) at the newly
opened Beckett's Public House (3210 N. Lincoln Ave.),
we're already big fans of this golden ale with a sweet
honey finish.

The uber-popular and, sometimes-risque, **vintage photo booth** at **Skylark** (2149 S. Halsted St.). Maybe it's the Pilsen dive's laid-back vibe or maybe it's the booth's clever placement at the back of the bar, but at least twice, we've spied folks shedding shirts behind the booth's curtains.

Individually portioned **cinnamon crisps** at **Red Hen Bread** (1623 N. Milwaukee Ave.). These gooey little cupcake-sized versions of Red Hen's decadent cinnamon crisp bread are available plain (\$2.70) or with cream cheese frosting (\$2.95).

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What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness.

WEDNESDAY DEALS

THE 44TH WARD DINNER PARTY

\$5 Long Islands, halfpriced appetizers, soups and salads; 3542 N. Halsted St. 773-857-2911.

BULL & BEAR

Half-price appetizers and mini-sandwich trios 3-6 p.m.; 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

CAGNEY'S

Free salsa and Latin dance lessons 8 p.m., \$4 mojitos and domestic drafts; 2142 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-857-1111.

CANS BAR AND CANTEEN

8 p.m.: Dirty Bingo. The popular board game gets a raunchy reworking at this monthly bash. The \$10 cover buys players 10 Bingo boards and one drink (each additional board costs \$1; every \$10 board comes with a drink). Includes prizes from the Pleasure Chest. \$10; 1640 N. Damen Ave. 773-227-2277.

FAITH & WHISKEY

7 p.m.: The Great Whisk(e)y Debate. Sample bourbon, scotch and Canadian whiskey as experts discuss the differences between the drinks. No cover. RSVP required: greatwhiskeydebate@gmail.com; 1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119.

THE FIRKIN & PHEASANT

UK Pint Night. \$3 pints and \$12 pitchers of Boddington's, Newcastle, Fuller's London Pride, Guinness and Smithwick's, \$4 Royal Flush shots; \$4 Stoli cocktails, \$5 Stoli martinis; 670 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-327-7040.

GINGER'S ALE HOUSE

\$3 Jager shots, \$2 PBR cans, \$4 Goose Island pints; 3801 N. Ashland Ave. 773-348-2767.

GOOSE ISLAND BREWPUB

6:30 p.m.: Beer Academy. Includes a dozen samples of the month's featured style of beer. \$15. RSVP required; 1800 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-915-0071

HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN

\$2 Bud bottles, \$3.50 Goose Island drafts; 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.

HIDEOUT

6 p.m.: Veggie Bingo. Raise money for community gardens while playing bingo for prizes such as locally produced honey and hot sauce, handmade soaps and, the grand prize, a box stuffed with fresh fruits and veggies. Also includes free hot dogs and tofu dogs and a quest caller each week. \$1 per card, \$5 for six cards; 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

HIGH DIVE

\$1 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, \$4 Dewar's cocktails; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

HOWL AT THE MOON

Half-price appetizers (10 p.m.-midnight); 26 W. Hubbard St. 312-863-7427.

HYDRATE

\$4 Bacardi bombs and Corona bottles; 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

JBAR

Wii Wednesdays. \$2 mini-burgers, \$3 beers, \$7 Belvedere IX cocktails, DJs spin 10 p.m. Play Wii on an 84inch screen from 6-8 p.m.; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

LANDMARK

Wino Wednesdays. All wine bottles halfprice, complimentary flatbreads (7-8 p.m.) with bottle purchase, \$5-\$8 Svedka cocktails; 1633 N. Halsted St. 312-587-1600.

MARY'S REC ROOM

Wild Wednesday. \$3 well drinks and domestic bottles, \$5 specialty cocktails; 5402 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

MICKEY'S TAVERN

\$2.50 Heineken, Heineken Light and Beck's bottles; 2345 N. Leavitt St. 773-394-3037.

MOONSHINE

Half-price menu (after 9 p.m.), \$3 Blue Moon drafts, \$10 Blue Moon pitchers, \$15 Bacardi mojito pitchers, \$15 margarita pitchers; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

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REDEYE I WEDNESDAY



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MILLER LITE SALUTES OUR BARTENDER OF THE WEEK







Bartender:

Q: What is the best vacation spot you have been to?

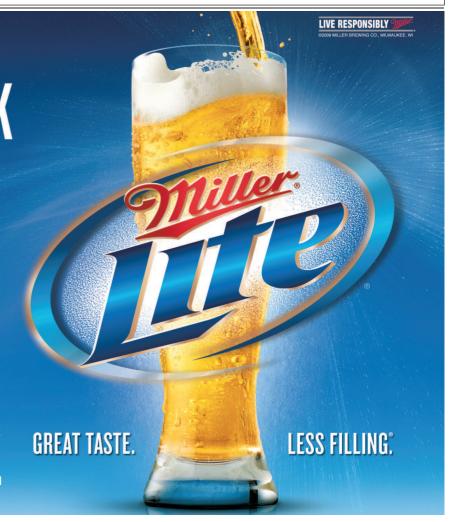
A: Thus far, Rome, Italy is the winner. What an amazing, beautiful city.

Q: What's your favorite Chicago food?

A: Our very own Palermo's Red Ivy deep dish pizza. Hands down the best pizza in the city. Nothing beats the taste of our sweet, Sicilian sauce!

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve while bartending?

A: My biggest pet peeve is definitely when customers wave their arms, hands or anything else they can during a busy night. NEWS FLASH: As crazy as it sounds, we CAN see you. When it is YOUR turn, then we will serve you. I promise!!!



FESTCRAWLERS Photos of who we've seen on the summer festival scene



Shake 'n' baked

It's a sad reality, but we've got to come to terms: Summer festival season is just about over. Land Shark Lager Oyster Fest wasn't quite the same this year, thanks to a new beer sponsor (we missed you, Guinness) and oysters served baked instead of raw, but the stellar weather urged plenty

of fest-goers to soak up some late-season sun.

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THE MOTEL BAR

\$4 Amstel Light and Heineken bottles, \$5 Absolut cocktails, \$6 half-pound burgers; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

NICK'S ON WILSON

\$1 off well vodka cocktails, \$2 infusion shots; 1140 W. Wilson Ave. 773-271-1155.

OLE LOUNGE

Half-price select tapas (5-7 p.m.), \$2 mojitos; 2812 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-388-3500.

THE ORBIT ROOM

\$3 well cocktails, \$4 Stella Artois drafts; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

THE ORIGINAL MOTHER'S

\$3 drafts, \$5 Kilo Kai cocktails; 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

THE OTHER SIDE BAR

\$10 draft pitchers, \$12 large unlimited toppings pizzas; 2436 N. Clark St. 773-525-8238.

PADDY LONG'S

\$4 Captain Morgan cocktails, \$4.50 Stella drafts, \$5 for a dozen wings; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

PADDY MAC'S

\$2 High Life and High Life Light bottles, \$2.50 nacho platter, \$3 beer of the month; 4157 N. Pulaski Rd. 773-279-9300.

PINT

\$5 well martinis, \$7 topshelf martinis, \$4 Jager shots; 1547 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-0990.

PLAN B

\$1 Miller Lite drafts, \$2 well drinks, \$3 bombs, half-price appetizers; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

SILVER CLOUD

Half-price bottles of wine; 1700 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-6212.

SILVIE'S LOUNGE

\$4 Smirnoff cocktails, \$5 Grey Goose and Absolut cocktails; 1902 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-871-6239.

SIMONE'S BAR

Free basket of fries with purchase of large format beer; 960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601.

TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S

7 p.m.: Wine Tasting
101. Wine director Bill
O'Connell leads a tasting
of red and white wines
from Timothy O'Toole's
new wine list. Includes
appetizers. \$25, \$40 per
couple; 622 N. Fairbanks
Ct. 312-642-0700.

T'S

\$7 double pints, \$12 allyou-can-eat ribs (until 9 p.m.); 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

TUMBAO BAR & GRILL

Ladies Night. \$3 cosmos, martinis and mixed drinks; 3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-772-9800.

UNCLE FATTY'S

WTF Wednesdays. \$2 domestic bottles and well drinks, live band karaoke 8-10 p.m., The Breakfast Club plays covers 10 p.m. \$5 after 9 p.m.; 2833 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-477-3661.

WATERHOUSE

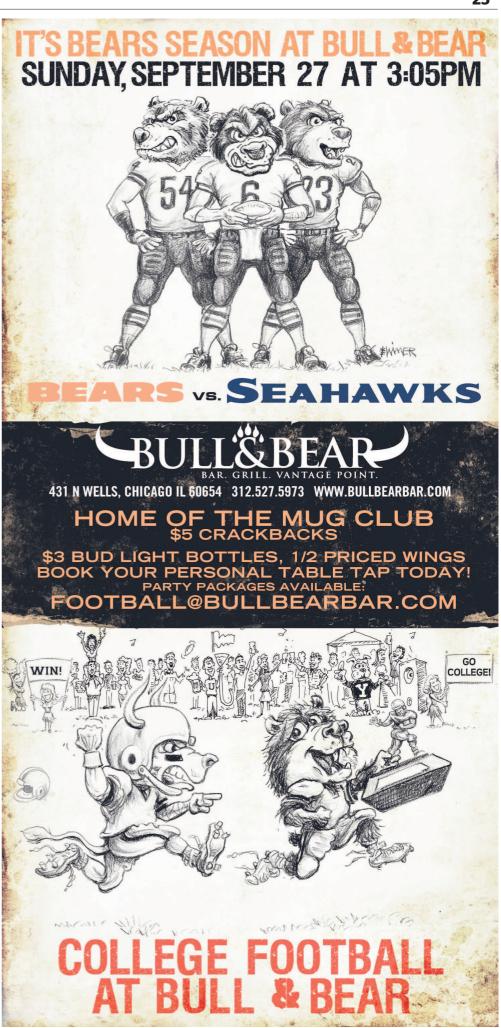
\$4 chocolate martinis, half-price wine; 3407 N. Paulina St. 773-871-1200.

THE WHISKEY BAR & GRILL

\$5 select glasses of wine; 1015 N. Rush St. Sutton Place Hotel. 312-475-0300.

ZELLA

\$3.50 Jack Daniel's and Three Olives cocktails; 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910.



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music





Mayer Hawthorne and the County

9 p.m. Fri. at Darkroom Old-school soul from a young white dude?

Weakerthans

8 p.m. Fri. at Bottom Lounge Each song is a story.



Soulsavers

8 p.m. Sun. at Double Door Featuring Mark Lanegan of Screaming Trees/ Gutter Twins.

Owl City

7:30 p.m. Fri. at Metro Ignore the lyrics, dig the music.

Grizzly Bear

7 p.m. Sun. at Metro "Veckatimest" is crazy well-regarded.



Hurt

Onstage injuries come with the territory for local rockers Mannequin Men

By Matt Pais

"I'd rather cut myself and look like a fool and not be able to walk right," says Mannequin Men frontman Kevin Richard, "than play a crappy show and have everyone there be like, 'Oh, they just kind of phoned it in. I didn't really have a good time.'"

That's a performer who leaves it all on the stage, surely one of the reasons the Humboldt Park-based garage rockers have built a dynamite live reputation in the last few years. On the new "Lose Your Illusion, Too," the group sounds more focused than ever, barreling through tunes like "Rathole" and "WTF LOI" (which, yes, they have submitted to "Gossip Girl") while demonstrating that ragged punk often takes considerable craft to pull off.

From work at a downtown PR firm, Richard, 27, explained why the band wants to be known for more than the booze

that seems to drip from the music.

Mannequin Men

When: 9 p.m. Thursday Where: Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St.

Tickets: \$15-\$18, 773-478-4408



How many shows have you played with blood pouring down your lip or some other physical issue?

Lots. If not me, someone else. Probably 25 or 30. Just for me personally, probably 10 or 15.

Why does that happen so often to Mannequin Men?

Well, generally you've got a lot going on

Local focus

Favorite music venue: Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.
Fave bar: Stella's, 935 N. Western Ave.
Fave restaurant: Taco Bell
Fave sports team: Blackhawks
Fave local celeb: Jonathan Toews
Least favorite: Mancow
Fave tourist attraction: Millennium Park
Who's cooler, Obama or Oprah? "Oh, come on. I'd say B-rack is a lot cooler than Oprah is."

up there. Especially if you've had a few drinks. It's kind of hard to not cut your finger open or hit your head or slide or fall. I've been impaled on a few cymbal stands in my day. I've taken some pretty nasty beer-slide spills. People get rowdy, ya know?

Is there something about the way you perform that makes injury more likely?

I think we definitely go for it. I don't think we're necessarily afraid to get injured, which probably makes it happen a little more often than it would for, say, Animal Collective or Conor Oberst or some s***. But it's fun. You gotta take some risks now and then.

What's the worst injury anyone has suffered, and what insurance plan does the band offer?

[Laughs] When I got impaled, it was pretty bad. I fell off [Seth Bohn's] drums, and the top of the cymbal stand stuck into my side deep enough that

when I stood up the cymbal stand moved with me. It was deep enough in there that it was not coming out. It had to be pulled out. Our insurance is pretty crappy, I guess. I think the copay is 100 percent of the bill.

Compare a Mannequin Men show when the crowd is sober to one where the crowd is less than sober.

[The sober shows] are usually all-ages shows where we'll play to a bunch of kids who are in high school and stuff. Generally I think those are more fun than when the crowd's wasted.

Why?

I think it's more representative of when you went to shows when you were a kid. When I was a kid, I didn't get wasted and go to shows. I went to shows because I was so freakin' excited to see the band that there was absolutely nothing that was going to come between me and seeing them.

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NEW RELEASES BY MATT PAIS

Brother Ali

"Us"

(Rhymesayers Entertainment)

Not many rappers could do a song like Brother Ali's latest single, "Fresh Air"—an appreciation that salutes his family and success and says "I love the life I live"-without sounding completely egotistical or painfully earnest. Yet Ali's too savvy and legitimately grateful for that; "Us" retains the Minneapolis rapper's knack for making personal experiences universal, with tales about a murdered friend ("Slipping Away") and trying to understand his broken marriage from the perspective of a child ("Tight Rope"). Overall Ali may never have the hard-hitting stories or full-album cohesiveness as labelmate Atmosphere (with whom Ali shares a





Oh My God "The Night Undoes the Work of the Dav"

(Split Red Records)

The latest from these Chicago poprockers isn't out until Tuesday, so this is your heads-up before Saturday's CD release show. The disc certainly comes with its share of baggage: The writing process was distracted by marital problems and life-threatening illness, on top of a serious car accident that delayed the release of the band's last album, "Fools Want Noise." The backstory makes the well-balanced "Night" even more triumphantly cathartic, with both soft-boiled and hard-hitting pop tunes that make you wonder if a band can intimidate, party and weep at the same time. Singer Billy O'Neill shines as both a rock frontman and an introspective pop balladeer. His delivery of "I Don't Think It's So Funny (How Time Slips Away)" will make music venues want to cut the lights and turn all the focus on the vocals. Captivating.

Does the band feel it's also more fun to play sober?

I don't know about playing sober. But it is fun to play sober shows. It's definitely fun to get a chance to go out there and actually be held on the merit of your music rather than some spectacle.

Seems like your music makes listeners expect that alcohol comes with the territory.

I guess it's something that I'm tiring of a little bit. We love to party. I'm not going to tell you any differently. ... But I think we'd rather write some songs and be recognized as a band rather than a four-man drinking troupe.

But once the music stops: Four-man drinking troupe!

Yeah, yeah, pretty much. We all like to have our share of beers and hang out, and we're all best friends. We've done a lot of drinking together. It's what we know best.

How many models turned up wanting to appear naked on your new album cover?

In concert: Sept. 26 at Double Door

A lot of the responses we got were from kind of slutty chicks being like, "Yeah, totally!" We didn't want hot chicks on there. We wanted normal people. So I think we got a lot of responses from people who were kind of gelatinous, fake, plastic people. We were looking for people that make things look weird rather than sexy. I think it worked out all right.

So it wasn't much of a casting-couch situation.

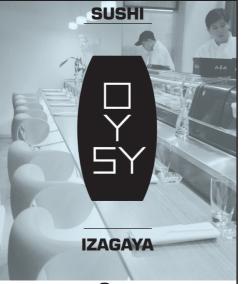
No, it wasn't like us with a bowl of popcorn and 15 naked chicks.

Because who would want to do that?

[Laughs] It's a slippery slope, man. Then you look like a total dog.

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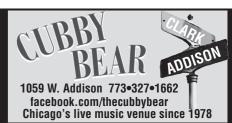


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ANDREAS KAPSALIS AND GORAN IVANOVIC

8:30 p.m. \$7. Katerina's, 1920 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-348-7592.

ANNA SOLTYS AND THE FAMILIAR

8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

BOULDER ACOUSTIC SOCIETY, HENHOUSE PROWLERS

8 p.m. \$10-\$20. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

* CHICAGO KOREAN MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Noon. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168.

COLLECTIVE TRIO

8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

DAME MYRA HESS MEMORIAL CONCERT: METALES M5 BRASS QUINTET

12:15 p.m. Free. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.

DAVE SPECTER

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

THE DYNAMITES, THE RIGHT NOW

8 p.m. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

FRANK CATALANO SEXTET

2 a.m. Free. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

FRED EAGLESMITH

8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-465-8005.

GAY WITCH ABORTION, COMOREVI-BUTTER FLY, JUDITH SWAN

9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. **mpshows.com**

* HANGGAI, RAHIM ALHAJ

8 p.m. \$12. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

JIMMY BURNS, MAURICE VAUGHN

9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

JOANNA CONNOR

10 p.m. \$10. House of Blues, Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

*** KIKO KLAUS, MOMO**

9:30 p.m. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

KLANG

9:30 p.m. \$7. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

MAYA JENSEN QUARTET

8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

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9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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8 p.m. Cover varies. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

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ANI DIFRANCO

Folk singer's voice still pierces. With Gregory Alan Isakov. 7:30 p.m. \$41. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-472-0449

ROB NICHOLAS, JOE MONTANARO

9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

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10 p.m. \$7. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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6:30 p.m. \$15.50. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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6:30 p.m. Free. Washington Park, 5500 S. Cottage Grove Ave. 773-256-1248.

THURSDAY, THE FALL OF TROY, YOUNG WIDOWS, LA DISPUTE

5 p.m. Cover varies. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

* VLADA TOMOVA'S BALKAN TALES

7 p.m. Free. Conaway Center, Columbia College, 1104 S. Wabash Ave. First floor. 312-369-7188

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A Hispanic pro wrestler attempts to kick start his stalled career by teaming up with a charismatic, hiphop influenced Indian kid from Brooklyn. Sept. 25 -Nov. 1. Victory Gardens, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-3000.

Fake

Based on true events, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle invites four guests to his home to discuss the Piltdown Man. Through Nov. 8. Steppenwolf, 1650 N. Halsted St. 312-335-1650.

Richard III

Shakespeare's play about the rise and fall of Richard the III of England. Sept. 23-Nov. 22. Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-5600.

Splatter Theater

This parody of the "Friday the 13th" movies is not for the faint of heart. An all-white stage gets covered in "blood" as the cast meets gruesome ends. Sept. 26-Oct. 31. The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665.







Just say Poe The master of macabre inspires the Neo-Futurists in time for Halloween

By Matt McGuire

Noelle Krimm remembers when it was fun to be afraid. Before swine flu. Before credit default swaps. Before Tom DeLay attempted the cha-cha on "Dancing With the Stars."

Krimm, a Neo-Futurists ensemble member, hopes to recapture that innocent, exhilarating terror in "Fear," a series of six vignettes that draws inspiration from various Edgar Allan Poe works.

Just in time for the Halloween season, the haunted house-like "Fear" takes place throughout the entire Neo-Futurist headquarters-kitchen, hallways, waiting room—and not just on its stage. One of three ghoulish guides will lead groups of 15-20 through the darkened building to each scene. (Groups will be staggered every 15 minutes or so.)

Krimm conceived and curated the production, and tapped several acquaintances—the House Theatre's Matt Hawkins, filmmaker Ren Velarde, puppetmaker Bernie McGovern, among others—to produce the individual acts. We called her to get the rest of the story.

Where did this idea come from?

I have a 4-year-old daughter, and her favorite "game" is Monster. It really scares her when you chase her and roar. She almost ends up in tears. Then she asks to play it again. You know that kind

of fear you have when you're a little kid? When you're an adult, it gets taken over by those awful fears you don't want to relive. I thought it'd be cool if I could go back and enjoy it again.

Is "Fear" scary like a chainsaw-wielding psychopath or more like an existential crisis?

I guess the latter. All of the creators were given the assignment to pick something from Poe's oeuvre and create something. They weren't told to tell a linear story. ... Poe was just a starting-off place.

Is it essential or a cliche to include "The Raven"?

Apparently, they thought it was a cliche because they're not using it. They were allowed to pick their own, because I wanted them to be inspired by it. There aren't any of the ones you'd expect. We're doing the "The Oval Portrait," "The Conqueror Worm," "The Bells," "The Pit and the Pendulum" and "The Fall of the House of Usher."

Your production of "Alice" in 2004 also took place in several locations, rather than on one stage. You're getting a rep as someone who can't sit still.

Apparently this is my thing, though there were five years in between [productions]. It just interests me. My aim has been different for each of them even though my methodology has been the

same. With "Alice," rather than watch the story of Alice ... I wanted people to feel like Alice—to be taken on a journey they didn't expect to take and see the magical in the most ordinary of spots.

Should people bone up on their Poe before heading to "Fear"?

Not necessarily. It has the same feel as "Alice," in that if you were an "Alice In Wonderland" fan and you knew the story well, you would see Alice in everything you went to and understand all the references. If you didn't, it was just a crazy, wild show. This has the same thing. It's just a freaky haunted house. If you know your Poe, you'll see it. If you don't, you'll probably just see some crazy stuff.

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Fear

The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave. 773-275-5255

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Heirloom tomato mojitonico

Nacional 27 (325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727)

Heirloom tomato-infused CapRock organic gin joins homemade sour mix (made with yuzu, kaffir lime and lemongrass) and muddled herbs.

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Associated Press

Step 1: Cook bacon. Step 2: Remove fat. Step 3: Tear into pieces.

This sounds like the start of a nice breakfast, but it's actually the first part of mixologist Adam Seger's Baconcello recipe.

The next step is steeping the bacon in vodka for 72 hours.

Bacon-infused spirits and other so-called "carnivorous cocktails" are quirky options on the menus of some cutting-edge bars these days, and with the introduction this May of a mass-produced product called Bakon Vodka, flesh-flavored spirits are nudging their way into the mainstream drinking scene.

Seger, general manager, mixologist and sommelier of Nacional 27, 325 W. Huron St., is part of a multitasking breed of barkeep that likes to incorporate culinary techniques into drinks. Seger also makes a Ham and Cheese cocktail, while renowned mixologist Todd Thrasher has experimented with bacon, foie gras and lamb at his speakeasy PX in Alexandria, Va.

Bacon is the most popular meat-in-a-glass, which makes perfect sense if you follow Seger's logic. "Vodka has no flavor—it's a blank," he says. "And bacon is one of the world's most perfect foods."

Seger says his many experiments with meat and alcohol began when he tried the bacon martini of fellow mixologist Mike Ryan of Moto, 945 W. Fulton Market.

"Think about how many chefs use alcohol in their cooking," Seger says. "Alcohol is just a natural flavor carrier."

The new commercial product Bakon Vodka, launched by three friends in Seattle, seems as far from the barroom experimentations of Adam Seger and Todd Thrasher as artisanal bacon is to a jar of Bacon Bits. The most obvious reason? Bakon isn't made with real bacon.

One of the owners, Sven Liden, explains: "After a lot of testing and figuring out shelf-life and other issues, we decided that an infusion was too complicated and messy. The upside is that it's vegan and gluten-free."

Because Bakon's bacon-ness is chemically induced, it comes off far more smoky and strong than the bar infusions. But for those who might not have access to painstakingly



Baconcello
Nacional 27
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Bacon and apple-infused vodka,
served with maple syrup and lemon
juice and topped with
bacon slice. Available

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Ham and Cheese
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Ham-infused Hennessy Black
Cognac, served with honey syrup and lemon juice and topped with hamwrapped wedge of soft cheese. Available seasonally, likely beginning in October.

BOOZE AND OINK-TRY THESE MEAT-TINIS

infused liquor, Bakon Vodka (which currently sells by mail order at **drinkupny.com** for \$29.99) seems to be appealing. Linden says demand has outpaced his predictions.

"Our initial expectation was that we could do a small pilot test in the Pacific Northwest with a few hundred cases. ... We thought it would last 2-3 months," he says. "That run sold out in about three weeks."

Seger has tasted Bakon Vodka and fears that those who sample that product first will get the wrong idea about the real possibilities of carnivorous cocktails.

"It tasted like vodka with a liquid smoke rather than an infusion you do with a highquality protein," he says. For anyone who has tasted the amazingly refined Old Fashioned served at Manhattan's PDT bar—made with bacon-infused Four Roses bourbon and Grade B maple syrup—there is no comparison.

However, Linden says the bartenders he's supplied in his area are enthused.

"In Washington we're starting to see repeat sales ... and we're seeing bars put it on their permanent menus," he says.

Regardless of the source, the carnivorous cocktail movement is expanding people's view of drinking. As Thrasher says: "If you drink like you eat, you can have some amazing things happen."

REDEYE'S STEPHEN MARKLEY CONTRIBUTED.

How high will the booze bill climb?

Chicago Tribune

A new state liquor tax hike has provided a convenient launching pad for a big round of wholesale price hikes on wine and spirits that is likely to soon make drinking a far more expensive pastime in Illinois.

The increases on thousands of products, timed to coincide with the Sept. I tax hike, sometimes are double or more than the increase in the liquor levy alone. It may take a few weeks or months, but the higher prices now faced by liquor retailers should eventually translate into sharply higher costs for everybody from fussy wine snobs to besotted tipplers.

Separately, the nation's largest brewers also have signaled plans to raise beer prices this fall. Voters are primed to blame politicians for almost anything, so piggybacking price hikes on tax increases is a tried-and-true business technique for deflecting consumer ire over rising costs.

"That's pretty consistent with what typically happens," said David Vite, head of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. "The last time liquor taxes went up, distributors took the opportunity to increase their prices while all the time wailing about the government."

Even factoring in a discount for volume purchases, one area retail chain was paying \$20.17 a bottle for fifths of 80-proof Smirnoff Vodka, up from \$16.11 in August. By itself, the tax hike would have added only 80 cents to the price.

A fifth of Beefeater gin leapt \$1.50 at the wholesale level, nearly double the 80-cent tax hike for that size bottle of spirits. The wholesale hike for a regular 750-milliliter bottle of several varieties of popular Sterling Vintner's Collection wines jumped 69 cents, more than 5 times the 13-cent tax increase imposed by the legislature for that volume of wine.

Illinois lawmakers raised liquor taxes as part of a broad financing package for a \$31 billion public works program. Retail sales taxes on most candies and some soft drinks also rose Sept. 1, but the precise impact on consumers of the liquor-tax increase is harder to gauge. The tax is levied at the wholesale level, so it isn't something that shows up on a register receipt at the checkout counter.

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Gamer (R):2:25,5:10,7:50,1:0:05

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■ Jennifer's Body (R) * 1:30,4:30,7:20,10:15

■ Love Happens (PG-13) * 1:40,4:10,6:45,9:20

■ The Informant (R) * 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:30

■ Can Do Bad (PG-13) * 1:20,3:20,6:20,9:00

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■ Inglourious (R) 2:45,6:10,9:40 ■ District 9 (R) 12:40,3:30,6:30,9:10

■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 1:10,3:45,6:40,9:15 ■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,6:50

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Love Happens (PG-13) * 1:45,4:30,7:10,10:00

The Informant (P) * 12:30,2:00,3:30,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:30,10:15

9 (PG-13) 1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30

Extract (R) 2:10,5:10,7:50,10:20

Inglourious (R) 12:10,3:40,7:15,10:25

District 9 (P) 1:20,4:15,7:40,10:25

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Love Happens (PG-13) 11:00.1:45,4:40,7:30,10:20

Sorority Row (R) 11:40,2:30,5:15,8:05,10:45

I Can Do Bad (PG-13) 11:30,1:25,2:25,4:25,5:25,7:25,8:25,10:25

Gamer (R) 12:40 P.M.

Extract (R) 11:25,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:40

Inglourious (R) 11:10,2:45,6:20,9:50

Inglourious (R) 12:10,3:45,7:20

Wizard of Oz (NR) 7:00 P.M.

The Informant! (R) 11:15,1:00,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:00

Jennifer's Body (R) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:10

■ Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D (PG) ◆
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■ Whiteout (R) 5:10,7:45,10:35

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■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 3:15 P.M.

District 9 (R) 1:15,4:10,7:00,10:05

■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 11:20,2:20,5:20,8:20

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Harry Potter (PG) 1:35 P.M.

■ District 9 (R) 1:20,4:15,7:40,10:25 ■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 1:00 P.M. ■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:15,4:10,7:00,10:10 ■ The Hangover (R) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30

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■ Jennifer's Body (R) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:30,9:00

■ The Informant! (R) ★ 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:10

■ Sorority Row (R) ★ 1:20,4:10,6:45,9:15

■ I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ★ 1:10,1:40,2:15,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:40,7:10,7:40,9:20,9:50,10:15

■ Whiteout (R) ★ 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:00

■ 9 (PG-13) 1:30,4:00,6:05,8:15,10:30

■ Gamer (R) 2:20,4:40,7:00,9:45

■ Halloween II (R) 2:20,5:10,7:50,10:20

■ Final Destinant (R) 1:24,03:30,6:20,8:40

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■ The Informant! (R) ±1:15,4:15,7:15,10:10
■ Sorority Row (R) ±1:20,4:10,6:45,9:15
■ I Can Do Bad (PG-13) ±1:10,1:40,2:15,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:40,7:10,7:40,9:20,9:50,10:15

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Love Happens (PG-13) * 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
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Whiteout (R) * 12:25,2:45,5:10,7:30,9:50
9 (PG-13) * 12:05,2:00,3:55,5:50,7:45,9:40
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Final Destinatn (R) * 12:10,5:00,10:10

Jennifer's Body (R) * 12:10,2:50,5:25,8:00,10:30

Love Happens (PG-13) * 11:35,2:30,5:25,8:00,10:30

The Informant! (R) * 11:55,2:30,5:05,7:40,10:15

Wizard of Oz (NR) * 7:00 P.M.

500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:00,2:45,5:10,7:35,9:50

9 (PG-13) 11:30,12:15,1:35,2:35,3:40,4:40,5:45,6:50,7:50,9:00,9:55

District 9 (R) 12:40 P.M.

Extract (R) 12:25,2:50,5:05,7:25,9:45

Includings (R) 1:56,5:15,8:40

■ Extract (H) 129.2:50,5:05,7:29,9:45
Inglourious (R) 1:50,5:15,8:40
■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:00,4:10,7:05,10:00
■ My One and Only (PG-13) 2:25,7:45
■ Septembr Issue (PG-13) * 11:45,2:20,4:45,7:15,9:35
■ Sorority Row (R) * 12:05,2:55,5:20,7:55,10:25
■ Taking Woods. (R) 11:26,12:50,2:05,3:30,4:45,6:10,7:25,8:50,10:05

Whiteast (R) * 40,9:40,7:45,5:10:20
■ I Can Do Bad (PG-13) * 11:25,12:50,2:05,3:30,4:45,6:10,7:25,8:50,10:05 Whiteout (R) ★ 2:30,7:40

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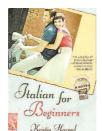
Tights have gone from being a favorite of moms who dress their little girls to a closet staple of all women. This fall, tights that are anything but boring and basic have infiltrated the stores. Bebaroque has made a pair of tights that will enliven even the most basic outfit. Decorated with a strip of sparkle on each leg, these tights are perfect for parties. Just don't expect to be a wallflower! JOANNA **GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE**





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Everybody loves money, right? Especially when it's "Money," a fire track from local rapper V.E.R. (above) and beatmaker Rediculus, who produced it. During this week's Kyles Files track-off, the inventive hiphop single smashed not one, but two impressive competitors with a unique flow and sound that one reader said took him back to 1988-a good year for rap. kyra kyles, redeye



'Italian for Beginners'

by Kristin Harmel, Grand Central Publishing \$13.99 for paperback

Women can easily identify with Cat Connelly, a 34-year-old Manhattan accountant, who is the responsible and reliable one in her family. But then she does something out of the ordinary, spontaneously booking a trip to Italy to meet up with an old flame. Kristin Harmel's tale is filled

with detailed descriptions of Roman landmarks that put readers on the same Italian streets Cat walks. LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEVE



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'Cougar Town' wins as a guilty pleasure

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Cougar Town 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

Sometimes I watch a show and know that I should not be enjoying it. "Cougar Town" is one of those shows. It's manic to the point of being spastic. The plots are so silly they're almost stupid. And the premiere basically cracks the same joke over and over.

But boy, have the actors made "Cougar Town" a one-joke wonder. Courteney Cox is winning as Jules Cobb, a 40-something, divorced real estate agent who is almost ready to dive back into the dating pool. But, she tells her neighbor Ellie (Christa Miller), "single guys our age are broke or gay or chasing younger girls," and she doesn't want to be humiliated by rejection.

Despite her concerns, Jules is persuaded to go out looking for a younger man by her co-worker Laurie (Busy Philipps). After that night, Jules no longer hides her sexual desires, much to the displeasure of her teen son, Travis (Dan Byrd), who is equally embarrassed by his loser of a dad, Bobby (Brian Van Holt).

Co-created by "Scrubs" mastermind Bill Lawrence, "Cougar Town" shares that sitcom's wink-at-the-camera self-awareness. Cox, having guest-starred on several "Scrubs" episodes, gets Lawrence's comedic style. She nails it. Her Jules is opinionated but insecure, brassy but sweet, and always one pratfall away from being the neighborhood's biggest goofball.

And whether or not you believe that Cox couldn't possibly get any under-the-covers action, you'll enjoy letting her convince you.

OTHER WEDNESDAY PREMIERES

Mercy

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7 p.m., NBC

Nursing apparently is the "in" job on TV this year, and the "Mercy" writers must have seen "Nurse Jackie" and "Hawthorne." They liberally take from both those shows while throwing in an original twist: Nurse Veronica Callahan (Taylor Schilling) is an Iraq War vet suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Maybe co-star James Tupper can calm her nerves. It'll take a lot of spark to revive this DOA drama.

Modern Family

8 p.m., ABC

"Modern Family"
might be the most ambitious new show of the fall season in that it could change people's perceptions of their neighbors. With its look at three very different families—a gay couple, an older man married to a younger woman and a family one might call "traditional"—the comedy shows how we are all a little more alike than we think. And the premiere offers a fabulous twist.

Eastwick

9 p.m., ABC

This latest take on the book "The Witches of Eastwick" suffers the same problem the film version did: The Devil did not do it for me. Three small-town witches supposedly come under the spell of the Devil, but I cannot buy that Paul Gross could woo a wart-nosed old witchy-poo, let alone sexy spell-casters Rebecca Romijn, Jamie Ray Newman and Lindsay Price.

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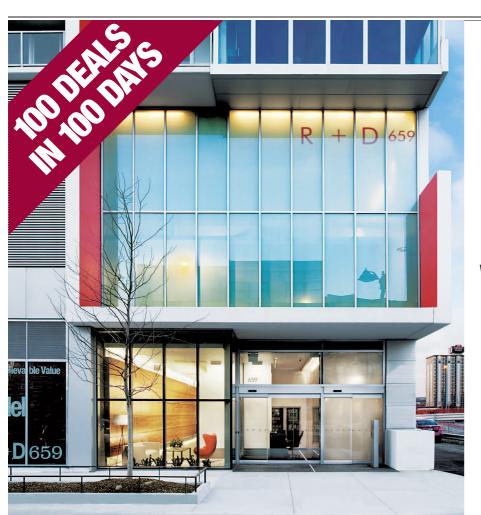
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Bordeaux bottle

Straight-sided and high-shouldered. it's used for Bordeaux varietals such as cabernet sauvignon, malbec, merlot, sauvignon blanc and semillon. The wide shoulder helps collect residue and sediment from



extended aging. Red wines and dry white wines are typically packaged in green bottles that can help preserve the wine by blocking out harmful light. Sweet wines such as Sauternes come in clear bottles that show off their golden hues.

Burgundy bottle

Tall with sloping shoulders, the feminine-shaped bottle houses Burgundian varietals such as pinot noir and chardonnay.

Rhone bottle

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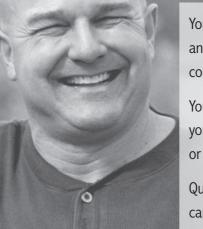
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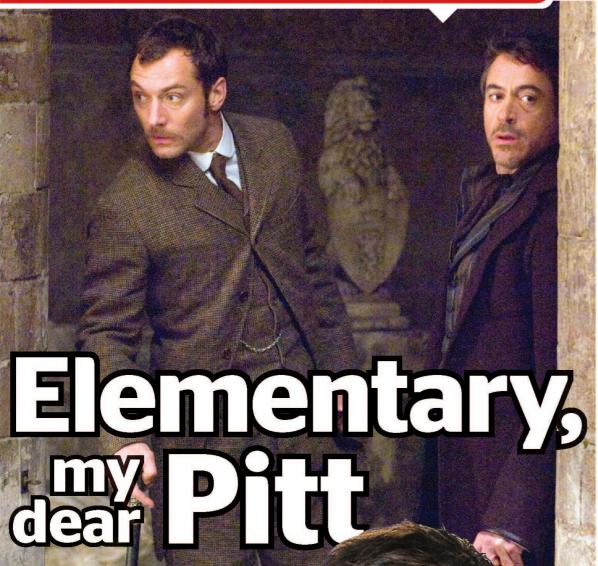
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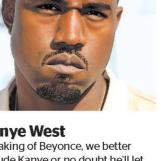


The big budget "Sherlock Holmes" remake starring Robert Downey Jr. doesn't even come out until Christmas Day, but a sequel is already in the works, according to The Hollywood Reporter. What's more, Brad Pitt is being considered for the role of Holmes' nemesis, Moriarty.

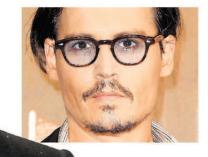
Whoa and whoa. Throwing Pitt into the sequel with Downey and Jude Law (who plays Watson) would result in some kind of triumvirate of hot Hollywood hunks. RedEye has a few suggestions of other A-listers who must

be a part of this sequel. Gentlemen, call your agents!

ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE







Johnny Depp Vampires don't do it for you? OK, a pirate then.



Colin Farrell Nothing against Pitt, but the perfect enemy to face off with Downey's detective is this Irish bad boy.



Colin Firth This distinguished Englishman is no stranger to period pieces and, let's face it, the man can rock tweed.



Leonardo DiCaprio Leo's handsome looks aside, we need him involved to bait the Academy.



Idris Elba We're obsessed with him after he defended his marriage to Beyonce in "Obsessed."



Robert Pattinson We can totally imagine vampires lurking the dark alleys of Holmes' London. Though we'd run toward him, not away from him.



Andy Samberg Whew, after battling all these monsters, Downey's going to need some comic relief. Enter Sambergand his mile-wide grin.



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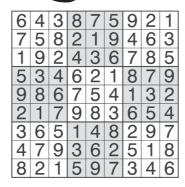
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Uma Thurman's about to give Chicago the mother of all movie premieres. The actress will walk the red carpet when her new film, "Motherhood," opens the 45th Chicago International Film Festival on Oct. 8. She'll also receive the Festival's Career Achievement Award prior to the screening, Cinema/Chicago has announced.

Tickets for the opening-night screening at the AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St., go on sale Wednesday. The \$150 ticket also get fans into the tribute and reception at the Wit Hotel, 201 N. State St.

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Tom DeLay thinks Tom DeLay danced a killer cha-cha on the "Dancing With the Stars" season premiere Monday. "I have to say I nailed it—I did!" the not-so-humble former congressman told **usmagazine. com** after his performance with Cheryl Burke. "I felt good, my hips were working." What did America think? We'll find out during Wednesday's vote-off episode.



HOT (DOUBLE) DATE

Nov. 17 Release date for Chicago rapper Kid Sister's debut album, "Pro Nails."

GETTY IMAGES

Nov. 25 Kid Sister's lone Chicago tour date at the House of Blues with opening act Flosstradamus.





Awww inspiring

Taye Diggs loves his latest role as dad. "It's been amazing just to come home to that little dude," the "Private Practice" star told **people. com** about his son Walker, with wife Idina Menzel. "Every time I leave the house, it just makes me want to come back even more. It's just a great prize waiting for me."



Guess who's back?

She saved "Melrose Place" back in the 1990s. Can Heather Locklear do it again in 2009?

Locklear will reprise her most famous role

as scheming villain Amanda Woodward on the ratings-challenged "Melrose Place" update beginning Nov. 17, The CW announced Tuesday. Locklear gave the struggling original series a boost when she joined the cast in 1993, staying on the show through its seven-year run.

Now 47, does Locklear still have the stuff to dress down the young hotties in Hollywood's raciest residence? Cougar time!

Breaking barriers

Ellen DeGeneres said on her show Tuesday that she has "nothing but love" for Paula Abdul, who spoofed DeGeneres on VH1's "Divas Live" last week, but she's got words for the critics who say she's not qualified to be an "American Idol" judge.

"I thought America had moved past this," DeGeneres said, according to "Access Hollywood." "First, we have the first African-American president. We've sworn in our first Hispanic Supreme Court justice. I think 'American Idol' is ready for their first blond judge ... I do."



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